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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Zion Nuclear Power Station was a dual reactor nuclear power plant built in 1973 along the shore of Lake Michigan on 257 acres in the City of Zion; and

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WHEREAS, The two Zion reactor units, each with a generating capacity of 1,040 MW, remained operational for approximately 23 years from 1973 to 1997; and

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WHEREAS, The construction of the Zion Nuclear Power Station was funded by utility ratepayers throughout the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The people of Zion cooperated with utilities in the construction and placement of the Zion Nuclear Power Station in their city; and

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WHEREAS, Zion Nuclear Power Station paid \$19.8 million in local taxes in 1996, and those taxes represented approximately 55% of the local tax base; and

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WHEREAS, The loss of tax revenue has shifted the local tax burden onto the people of Zion, and negatively impacted the local taxing bodies including the City of Zion, Zion Township, Zion Elementary School District 6, Zion-Benton High School

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1 District 126, Zion Benton Library District, and Zion Park
2 District; and

3 WHEREAS, Decontamination and dismantlement of the Zion
4 Nuclear Power Station began in 2011 and continues with an
5 estimated 2020 final closure date; and

6 WHEREAS, The 1982 federal Nuclear Waste Policy Act was
7 enacted to provide for the development of repositories for the
8 disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear
9 fuel, including creation of the Interim Storage Fund; and

10 WHEREAS, The previously approved spent nuclear fuel
11 repository at Yucca Mountain remains incomplete and unfunded
12 and no alternative permanent fuel repository has been
13 designated; and

14 WHEREAS, The Interim Storage Fund was created using
15 ratepayer funds to make payments to a state or local government
16 to mitigate social or economic impacts arising from the
17 operation of an interim storage facility; and

18 WHEREAS, Upon completion of the dismantlement process, due
19 to the lack of a permanent fuel repository, 2.2 million pounds
20 of spent nuclear fuel rods will remain at the Zion Nuclear
21 Power Station, rendering the area a de facto interim nuclear

1 storage facility; and

2 WHEREAS, The storage of this nuclear material will render a
3 large portion of Zion's Lake Michigan shoreline unusable and
4 valued at a fraction of its fair market value, resulting in a
5 massive negative economic impact on the community; therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to
9 pass legislation to allocate funds from the Interim Storage
10 Fund to the local authorities in Zion and other similarly
11 situated communities to mitigate social and economic impacts
12 arising from the storage of nuclear material; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 delivered to Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Paul
15 Ryan, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and all
16 members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.